

State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

AND

PINK RIBBON WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, during this year alone more than 6,300 women in North Carolina will get a breast cancer diagnosis, and approximately 1,200 North Carolina women will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the nation and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in North Carolina and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes, and one woman will die of breast cancer every 13 minutes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history of the disease, but timely screening mammograms could prevent 15 to 30 percent of all deaths from breast cancer in women over age 40; and

WHEREAS, early detection can be an extremely effective tool, and if breast cancer is found and diagnosed while still confined to the breast, the 5-year relative survival rate is more than 98 percent; and

WHEREAS, in the United States today, there are more than two million breast cancer survivors; and

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the pink ribbon is the internationally recognized symbol of breast cancer awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby recognize October 2008, as "**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**," and proclaim October 13-19, 2008, as "**PINK RIBBON WEEK**" in North Carolina. I urge all North Carolinians to wear pink ribbons in recognition of breast cancer awareness and in honor of women who have lost their lives to breast cancer and to those women who are now courageously fighting the battle with breast cancer. I further encourage women to talk with their health care providers about regular screening and to promote early detection of breast cancer by having regular clinical breast examinations, getting regular mammograms, and practicing monthly breast self-examination.




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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the City of Raleigh this first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.